

Introduced by Senator Ducheny

February 22, 2005

An act to add Chapter 1.4 (commencing with Section 33070) to Part 20 of the Education Code, relating to education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 847, as introduced, Ducheny. Council on Education, Workforce, and the Economy.

The California Constitution requires the Legislature to provide for a system of common schools, and includes within that system all kindergarten schools, elementary schools, secondary schools, community colleges, and state colleges, and the school districts and other agencies that maintain those schools and colleges. Existing law includes various provisions relating to the Office of the Secretary for Education.

This bill would establish the Council on Education, Workforce, and the Economy in the office of the Governor for the purpose of advising the Governor, the State Board of Education, the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, the Trustees of the California State University, and the Regents of the University of California on goals and strategies to align the education and workforce preparation system to the needs of the economy. The bill would prescribe the duties of the council.

The bill would transfer all duties and responsibilities of the Secretary for Education to the President of the council.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1.4 (commencing with Section 33070) is added to Part 20 of the Education Code, to read:

CHAPTER 1.4. COUNCIL ON EDUCATION, WORKFORCE, AND
THE ECONOMY

33070. (a) There is hereby established in the office of the Governor the Council on Education, Workforce, and the Economy for the purpose of advising the Governor, the State Board of Education, the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, the Trustees of the California State University, and the Regents of the University of California on goals and strategies to align the education and workforce preparation system to the needs of the economy in a manner that strengthens the economic growth and prosperity of the state.

(b) The council shall provide an annual assessment of the effectiveness of the education and workforce preparation system in addressing the needs of a diverse pupil and student population and the needs of a diverse economy.

(c) The membership of the council shall be composed of all of the following:

(1) The President of the council, who is appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of two-thirds of the Senate.

(2) The Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development.

(3) The Superintendent.

(4) The President of the University of California.

(5) The Chancellor of the California State University.

(6) The Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.

(7) The Secretary of Business, Transportation, and Housing.

(d) (1) The President shall assume all duties and responsibilities of the Secretary for Education.

(2) The President may employ staff for the support of the council.

(e) In carrying out its duties, the council shall consult with all of the following:

(1) The California Postsecondary Education Commission.

(2) The California Workforce Investment Board.

- 1 (3) The State Board of Education.
- 2 (4) The President of the Association of Independent Colleges
- 3 and Universities.

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